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This is an open letter to Wisconsin Clubs -

RE: Wisconsin QSO Party 2004

The West Allis Radio Amateur Club:

1. Wishes to announce that our 2004 WIQP is happening March 14, 2004, beginning at noon local time and ending at 7 PM local time. Please see our website "www.warac.org" for further information.

2. WARAC is excited to indicate that for WIQP 2004, we are going to try and allow electronic entries for the first time. We have developed a Cabrillo template that we hope everyone will use as the basis of the electronic entry. It is a simple text format, so most computer people should be able to put their entries into that format. Otherwise, we ask that a simular format be followed, with the entry submitted as plain text with information groups separated by a comma, i.e. like a CSV format. For 2004 we plan to try and import the log data into a spreadsheet to help process it. That is why we ask for the information in the Cabrillo format. A lot of logging programs use their own formats that are not standardized, so they might not work. We are not set up to handle specific non Cabrillo log formats at this time. If this causes you a problem, please contact us, to see if can work something out. Of course, you can always submit your entry on paper to our POB, if you prefer that.

A complete entry needs to include: 1) a summary sheet; 2) log data; and 3) a dupe sheet if a large entry. Please send the entry to my email address "k9kr@powercom.net." Please clearly indicate your callsign with your entries, so I do not delete them, as I get a lot of spam. I will try to send a confirmation message when I receive the entries. Send the log with an extension of ".LOG" such as K9KR.LOG. Send the summary sheet with an extension of ".TXT" such as K9KR.TXT. The dupe sheet format is up to you but make sure you use your callsign in the email title.

We do not have the capability to do computer log checking or computer scoring at this time. The electronic entry will simply be used to help process the log data faster, so we can get the results out sooner.

A template is attached OR please see our club website for the template information - "www.warac.org" - under QSO Party.

3. WARAC is most excited to indicate that Scott, N3FJP, has a Wisconsin QSO Party specific program available on his website. Scott has modified his previous version to include output in our WARAC Cabrillo template format, which should help you get your entry to us electronically. Scott charges $ 6 for a download of his (latest) version 1.3 WIQP program. Besides the cheap price, Scott's program is very easy to use, even for us older non-computer persons. And we believe this is the first program that can accommodate mobile operation in a fully chronological format, which has been a problem for mobile stations in the past. Scott's program has 3 separate outputs - Cabrillo, Summary and Dupe sheet. Again, we need the Cabrillo and Summary as a minimum and the dupe sheet if the entry is large enough.

You can download a trial version (limited to 30 contacts) for free to try it. www.n3fjp.com. We think you will like it once you try it. The program does allow for ADIF output so you can transfer the log data into another log program if you want after WIQP. If you already have the program, upgrades are still free.

We hope to have some tips on using Scotts program on our website shortly.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please contact us at our website using the QSO Party link OR contact me directly at "k9kr@powercom.net."

Lynn Tamblyn, K9KR
Chairman WIQP for WARAC

WARAC CABRILLO QSO TEMPLATE FOR Wisconsin QSO Party

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000000000111111111122222222223333333333444444444455555555556666666666777777777 8
123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678 90

                              --------info sent------- -------info rcvd--------
QSO: freq  mo date       time call          rst exch   call          rst exch
QSO: ***** ** yyyy-mm-dd nnnn ************ nnn ****** ************ nnn ******

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**  WORKING WISCONSIN STATIONS - FIXED AND MOBILE

QSO:  7000 PH 2003-03-09 1701 K9KR              RAC    ND9Z            BRO
QSO:  7000 PH 2003-03-09 1703 K9KR              RAC    AB9DI/WIN       WIN
QSO:  7000 PH 2003-03-09 1704 K9KR              RAC    N9FH            OZA
QSO:   144 PH 2003-03-09 1718 K9KR              RAC    N9EZ/RAC        RAC

**  WORKING OUT OF STATE STATIONS

QSO: 28403 PH 2003-03-09 1922 K9KR              RAC    W1AW            CT
QSO: 21030 CW 2003-03-09 2121 K9KR              RAC    K6LL            AZ
QSO: 14022 CW 2003-03-09 2233 K9KR              RAC    VE1OP           MAR
QSO: 28455 PH 2003-03-09 2311 K9KR              RAC    VE5SF           SASK
QSO: 28567 PH 2003-03-09 2345 K9KR              RAC    DL6QK           DX


WISCONSIN MOBILE STATION working in state and out of state

QSO:  7133 PH 2003-03-09 2155 K9KR              KEN    WA9AXQ          MIL
QSO:  7133 PH 2003-03-09 2156 K9KR              KEN    N9QA            OZA
QSO:  7133 PH 2003-03-09 2210 K9KR              WAL    WA9AXQ          MIL
QSO:  7133 PH 2003-03-09 2213 K9KR              WAL    N9QA            OZA
QSO:  7133 PH 2003-03-09 2318 K9KR              ROC    K6LL            AZ
QSO:  7133 PH 2003-03-09 2322 K9KR              ROC    N9QA            OZA
QSO: 28567 PH 2003-03-09 2345 K9KR              ROC    DL6QK           DX


OUT OF STATE STATION working Wisconsin

QSO: 14033 CW 2003-03-09 1812 W1AW              CT     K9KR            RAC
QSO: 14033 CW 2003-03-09 1813 W1AW              CT     WA9AXQ          MIL
QSO: 14033 CW 2003-03-09 1814 W1AW              CT     N9QA            OZA
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